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TAGS:PARM, NATO, MBFR

SUBJECT:MBFR: TABLING NATIONAL DATA

REFS: A. BONN 5404, B. BONN 5427, C. BONN 5645,  
D. STATE 67040, E. STATE 69129, F. NATO 1796

1. FRG HAS RESPONDED NEGATIVELY TO THE AD HOC GROUP

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PROPOSAL FOR EXCHANGE OF NATIONAL MANPOWER DATA IN MBFR,  
BOTH BILATERALLY TO US IN BONN AND IN NATO SPC DISCUSSIONS  
MARCH 28. THE GERMANS HAVE STATED THEIR STRONG CONCERN THAT  
NATIONAL DATA DISAGGREGATION COULD LEAD IN TIME TO NATIONAL  
FORCE OBLIGATIONS AND CEILINGS. PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS  
TO GIVE YOU WASHINGTON AGENCY VIEWS WITH RESPECT TO POSSIBLE  
DISCUSSION THIS MATTER DURING YOUR VISIT IN BONN. AT THAT

TIME WE ASSUME THAT YOU WILL DEBRIEF GERMANS ON MBFR DISCUSSIONS IN MOSCOW, AND THAT GERMANS MAY WELL RAISE THE ISSUE OF FUTURE DATA DISCUSSION IN VIENNA. WE BELIEVE THERE ARE THREE OPTIONS WHICH COULD BE PURSUED IN DISCUSSIONS WITH GERMANS.

2. THE FIRST OPTION WOULD BE NOT TO RAISE THE ISSUE AT ALL BUT LEAVE IT TO THE GERMANS TO RAISE IF THEY WISH TO. IF FRG RAISES IT, YOU MAY WISH TO NOTE IN LOW KEY WITHOUT PRESSING THAT US DOES NOT BELIEVE TABLING NATIONAL DATA WOULD

PREJUDICE NATO POSITION ON COLLECTIVITY, BUT THAT WE RECOGNIZE STRONG GERMAN CONCERNS ON THIS POINT. STATE FAVORS THIS APPROACH IN VIEW OF THE NUMBER OF CONTENTIOUS ISSUES OTHER THAN MBFR ALREADY IN PLAY WITH THE FRG. WITHIN THE USG, WE NEED TO GIVE FURTHER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO WHERE WE MIGHT GO NEXT WITH THE GERMANS ON DATA ISSUE.

3. THE SECOND OPTION WOULD BE TO RAISE THE ISSUE AND REPEAT THE ARGUMENTS WE HAVE ALREADY MADE TO THE GERMANS IN FAVOR OF TABLING NATIONAL DATA DRAWING ON THE POINTS WE MADE IN NATO (PARA 2, REF E), AND ON THE MORE SPECIFIC ARGUMENTS WE HAVE ALREADY USED WITH THE FRG AT THE WORKING LEVEL (PARAS 2-7, REF D). UNDER THIS OPTION, WE WOULD WANT TO MAKE CLEAR TO THE GERMANS THAT WE UNDERSTAND THE REASONS FOR THEIR INITIAL NEGATIVE REACTION AND WE ARE NOT PRESSING THEM FOR AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE. ACDA FEELS THE REASONS CITED IN REFS D AND E FOR MOVING ON DATA ARE SUFFICIENTLY  
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PRESSING TO WARRANT YOUR TAKING THE INITIATIVE TO REPEAT THESE POINTS TO HIGHER LEVELS OF FRG.

4. THIRD OPTION WOULD BE TO PRESS THE GERMANS STRONGLY TO RECONSIDER THEIR POSITION. NO WASHINGTON AGENCY FAVORS THIS APPROACH AT THIS TIME.

5. REFS A-E SENT INFO TO EMBASSY MOSCOW; REF F REPEATED TO SECRETARY'S PARTY.  
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